

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Grant County
Board Minutes
August 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Yager at 9:07 a.m. at the ADRC Large Conference /Board Room, 8820 Hwy 35/61 South, Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Attendance: Dale Hood, Mary Yager, Linda Adrian, Mary Lou Bausch, Carrie Bell, Shirley Pink, Steve Wetter, Larry Wolf

Excused: Carol Beals, Jan Lintvedt

Others Present: Lori Reid

Open Meeting Law:

Bausch/Bell: Motion that we are in compliance with the open meeting act. (Published via website, radio, newspaper and posted at the Grant County Administration Building). Motion carried.

Agenda Approval:

Adrian/Bausch: Motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Wetter/Pink: Motion to approve July17, 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment/Communication: Reports:

Fred Naatz and Ce Ce Fishnick from DSS reported on the Regional Enrollment Network meeting they attended regarding implementation of the Affordable Care Act. They are trying to get as many people involved to help as possible since large numbers of people currently on Badgercare will be sent to the health exchange. Naatz gave a ContinuUS update. ContinuUS was not awarded a grant in Northwest Wisconsin. Naatz stated that he met with Donna Haines from Orchard Manor to discuss maintenance and building issues.

Marsha Gore presented an overview of the services available through the Elder Benefit Specialist program. Enrollment for Medicare Part D will be starting in mid-October. Marsha will also be conducting weekly Question and Answer workshops on Medicare. She informed the board that Estate Recovery laws and Landlord/Tenant laws have been significantly revised and she expects to receive more training on these changes. The board asked about her role in the Affordable Care Act. She has been told that the benefit specialists will refer individuals to Navigators or CAC's and will not be assisting with enrollment. Marsha also let the board know that we may apply for MIPPA funding.

Mary Yager commended Lecia Lenz for her article on functional screens in the News and Views. She stated she was able to more fully understand what a functional screen entails.

Advocacy:

1. Report from ADRC Regional Governing Board Members – Discussed the Health Insurance Marketplace under the Affordable Care Act. Sequestration cuts could be effective for the next 9 years. Senior Nutrition programs are being cut. It was noted that a Senior can receive meals for an entire year for the same cost as one day in the hospital. There was a question from the board whether News & Views is mailed out to regional board members. Lori will look in to it.

Action Items:

Approval of Vouchers (July):

Adrian/Pink: Motion to approve July vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

85.21 and 5311 transportation grants: Specialized transportation services using s. 85.21 aid must serve the elderly and persons with disabilities. State statute permits counties to transport the general public via 85.21-funded service on a “space available” basis. Each county must provide, at a minimum, a local cash match equal to 20 percent of its state aid allocation. The county cash match cannot be comprised of “in-kind” services, passenger copayments, or state and federal categorical aids (i.e., aids provided for a defined purpose such as education). A county may contribute more than the required minimum local match toward its elderly and disabled transportation services. Local match used for another program may not be claimed as match for the s. 85.21 program.

5311 grants are available to eligible applicants for projects where operating revenue is not sufficient to cover eligible operating expenses. The operating project cost is the difference between the costs of operating an eligible public transportation service and the operating revenues derived from the project. Section 5311 funding can cover up to 59% of net eligible project costs (operating deficit), depending on the availability of funds. The other 41% of the operating deficit is local share.

Pink/Bausch: Motion to approve that ADRC-Grant County submit a 85.21 transportation grant. Motion carried.

Hood/Wetter: Motion to approve that ADRC-Grant County submit a 5311 transportation grant. Motion carried.

Budget Review – Reid discussed that GWAAR staff informed agencies to use a 10% reduction in funding when developing budgets. Health insurance rates for the county are 8.1% for Dean and 14.1% for Medical Associates. At a meeting of department heads, Reid was advised to budget 1% increase for staff wages. ADRC budget will likely be same as this year.

Finance Committee meeting- Reid stated she would convene a finance committee meeting if needed.

ADRC- Grant County Director's report: Reid submitted a written report for review by board members.

Other:

1. Disability Benefits Specialist Hiring – Reid stated that Angela Sullivan was offered and had accepted the position.
2. Self Assessment – Reid stated that she had received a letter from GWAAR stating they had approved the Self Assessment plan.
3. Aging Plan 2013-15 – Reid reported that she had received notice from GWAAR that the Aging Plan was approved.

Adjourn:

Pink/Adrian: Motion to Adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Pink, Secretary